

Make a climbing kōaro

Step 1 Cut out the kōaro on this page. Stick it down on some cardboard, then cut it out again. This will make it sturdy.



Step 2 Cut two pieces of straw. Also grab your coin. This acts as a weight. Tape the straws and the coin down on the back side of the fish like you see in the photo.



Step 3 Cut a length of string (at least 100cm) and thread it through the straws.



Step 4 Cut two more pieces of straw and thread the ends of the string through them and tie them off. This will stop your fish falling off.



Step 5 To make your kōaro climb, hang it from a door knob and pull the string tails one at a time. Pull the strings to the sides, so they make contact with the inside of the straws.

When you let go of the string, your kōaro will zoom back down to the bottom, ready for another climb.



You'll need:

- Kōaro drawing
- Thin cardboard (cereal box thickness)
- Cellotape
- String
- 10c piece
- Paper straw
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Door handle



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